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For: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL  
MEASURING DEVICE USING  
OSCILLATING DEVICE, IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS, AND  
ELECTRIC POTENTIAL  
MEASURING METHOD  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0046918
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0174209
- (3) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0001432
- (4) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0008284
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,317,152
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,357,108
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,554,851

- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,574,279
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,923,637
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,046,972
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,163,519
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 6,337,477
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 6,831,765
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,965,239

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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